

Joe Hegyi (1921 – 1980)

Life Member CCSA 1973



Joe Hegyi was born 1921 in Debrecen, North East Hungary, and migrated to Sydney after the World War 2 in 1949. He was a very passionate football follower. He became involved on the management committee of the Budapest Club, formed after the War, by Hungarian immigrants. The Club, in 1960, became one of the first ethnic clubs in NSW to affiliate with a local district Association, St George and eventually opened a licenced clubhouse called Soccer House in 1968.

Joe, however in 1957, packed up his belonging and moved to Coonabarabran (north-west of Sydney, north of Dubbo) as a rouseabout and purchased a farm. In 1959 he bought a cafe in Binnaway 50k south of Coonabaraban. He immediately setup the first soccer team in the town.

He moved again in 1960 to The Entrance where he immediately got involved with The Entrance soccer Club which this year entered teams in the 2nd Division Newcastle Competition. The Entrance had been dominating the Central Coast competition over the last decade and the travelling distances would be reduced compared those they were required in the Central Coast competition. Joe was involved in every aspect of the Club coaching, managing and committee duties, Joe got involved where he was needed. He was honoured with Life Membership for his services to the Club in 1973.

Whilst active for the Club he also had an interest in the overall functions of the code and started to attend CCSA meetings around 1968. The committees he attended for the next 8 years at CCSA where Protests and Disputes, Trophy, Annual Ball, Senior Competition whilst he attended Council Sports meetings and reached the title of Senior Vice president in 1973. He was awarded with Life Membership of the CCSA in 1975 for his services to the code.

Joe continued to be involved with The Entrance Club up until his death in 1980.

He will be remembered for his passion and loyalty to the game.

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